

SUBJECT: Minimum Size of Total Vent Area

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SEE ALSO: 2003 UPC – Section 904.1.2

INTERPRETATION SUMMARY

This section of the UPC states that the drainage piping of each building shall be vented by means of one or more vent pipes, the aggregate cross-sectional area of which shall not be less than that of the largest required building sewer, as determined from Table 7-5. It is our interpretation that the required size shall mean the required size as determined by fixture load, and not by slope. If a sewer drain line is increased from 3" to 4" for the sole purpose of reducing the minimum slope from $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{8}$ ", the total vent area will only be required to serve the 3" size.